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The Gospel of Matthew.

The Gospel of St. Matthew. By John Monro Gibson, M. A., D. D. [The Expositor's Bible.] New York: A. C. Armstrong and Son. Price \$1.50

The latest issue in that series of expository volumes which has been often noticed in these pages is one of much interest and value. Mr. Gibson is well-known as a successful minister in the city of London and has already shown his ability in expository work by his volumes on the Pentateuch. The chief elements characteristic of this book are not its freshness or originality or its power of expression though, the latter is considerable. They are its broad, generous spirit, its faithful expository character, and its warm, spiritual tone. Some examples of the author's treatment will best bring out his excellencies and his defects. First, as to his general conception of the book, it is somewhat vague. He accepts the usual view that it was written for Jews. His outline of it and treatment in detail apparently go on the general assumption that the order is on the whole chronological. He does not lay any stress upon the massing of the Words and the Works into two great sections, if, indeed, he would favor the view of the arrangement. Still he affirms also that Matthew's order is that of logic rather than of time, and his constant endeavor to show the connection between contiguous narratives or sayings is admirable. His conception of the critical period in Galilee is faulty. He makes it come before the feeding of the five thousand, and culminate after the journeys to the borders of Tyre and Sidon. The crisis of the Galilean ministry was at the miracle of the loaves. Before that event Jesus was in high favor with the people. After it He and they separated. As examples of Mr. Gibson's liberal spirit, we note that he explains the form of the Temptation by the suggestion that the narrative must be addressed to the imagination as well as to the reason. His conception of it as closely connected with Jesus' messianic work is good, but he does not work the idea out into the details which are on the old common place lines. He thinks that Judas, perhaps, when he was chosen, had the making of as grand an apostle as the rest of them, some were far less "likely." Discrepancies in the narratives are brushed aside as unimportant—"why should we trouble ourselves to reconcile so small a difference" as that in the Jericho miracle? Many other points might be mentioned. But let no one who looks at this book fail to read the section on the Transfiguration, which is the best thing it contains. For insight and apt expression it is admirable. We note one word so rare as to be unintelligible to most people, on p. 270—"timeousness," meaning apparently "timeliness." There are also some disfiguring misprints, and the plates seem to have been worn badly in some places. The book is a helpful addition to an excellent series.

A New Testament Greek Grammar.

The Language of the New Testament. By the late Rev. William Henry Simcox, M. A. [The Theological Educator, edited by the Rev. W. R. Nicoll, M. A.] New York: Thomas Whitaker. Pp. xii. 226. Price 75 cents.

This book is the scholarly discourse of a careful and cultivated student upon the various topics of New Testament Greek grammar. It is not by any means a complete or thoroughly systematized treatise. The author has preferred to sacrifice scholastic utility to entertaining discursiveness. The student of N. T. grammar is, perhaps, to be congratulated that he has done so. After a preface